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FM AMEMBASSY SANTO DOMINGO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3794

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SUBJECT: CASC: W/W: (PETERS, WILLIAM GUY-FEB. 9, 1954)

1. AT 1:00 P.M., MARCH 7, 1978, EMBASSY RECEIVED FOLLOWING RCA GLOBAL TELEGRAM FROM MALCOLM PETERS: "ITINERANT GUITARIST WILLIAM GUY PETERS AMERICAN CITIZEN BIRTH CERTIFICATE LOS ANGELES NINE FEBRUARY FIFTY FOUR CAUCASIAN BROWN EYES BROWN HAIR SIX FEET SLENDER DETAINED OR HELD CAPTIVE IN REPUBLIC CALLED FATHER COLLECT ONLY WORDS IN ANGUISH SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR COLLECTION AT CHASE MANHATTAN BANK SANTIAGO BEFORE MARCH EIGHT OTHERWISE DIRE CONSEQUENCES IMPLORE YOUR ASSISTANCE CANNOT RAISE MONEY MOTHER HEART CONDITION FATHER HANDICAPPED MALCOLM PETERS NINETEEN NINETEEN NORTH ARGYLE HOLLYWOOD CALIFORNIA PHONE 213-4677571."

2. ACTION TAKEN: EMBASSY CALLED MALCOLM PETERS FOR MORE INFORMATION. HE STATED THAT HIS SON HAD BEEN SAILING IN THE CARIBBEAN WITH UNNAMED ACQUAINTANCES. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1978, SON CALLED COLLECT AND INFORMED FATHER HE WAS BEING HELD FOR \$600 RANSOM. SON SEEMED FEARFUL OF CONSEQUENCES IF MONEY NOT SENT. FAMILY HAS COMMUNICATED WITH FBI, BRITISH EMBASSY (FATHER IS BRITISH SUBJECT), AND DOMINICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN U.S. FATHER UNABLE TO ADD MUCH TO DETAILS OF TELEGRAM, ONLY THAT HIS SON WEIGHED ABOUT 135 POUNDS AND WAS PROBABLY TRAVELING ON A BIRTH CERTIFICATE. HE STATED HE WOULD TRY TO SEND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH

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BY PAN AMERICAN AIR PACKET.

3. EMBASSY HAS ALERTED NATIONAL POLICE IN SANTO DOMINGO, SANTIAGO, AND PUERTO PLATA (CLOSEST SEAPORT TO SANTIAGO), FIRST THROUGH THE OFFICERS OF THE DAY AND LATER THROUGH THE COMMANDING OFFICERS, BUT HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION THUS FAR. LT. COL. BENOIT LIRIANO, ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, HAS

ALSO BEEN INFORMED AND IS ASSISTING THE INVESTIGATION.

4. EMBASSY HAS SPOKEN TO BRANCH OFFICE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK IN SANTIAGO AND CENTRAL OFFICE IN SANTO DOMINGO AND HAS SECURED THEIR COOPERATION IN COORDINATING EFFORTS WITH EMBASSY AND POLICE SHOULD AN ATTEMPT BE MADE TO COLLECT THE RANSOM.

5. EMBASSY HAS ASKED THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE TO CHECK ITS RECORDS FOR THE DATES IN QUESTION BUT THUS FAR NOTHING HAS BEEN REPORTED.

6. WILL REPORT FURTHER INFORMATION AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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